

Barnstaple Rural District.

# Annual Report

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THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
THE RED HOUSE,  
CASTLE STREET,  
BARNSTAPLE,

JULY, 1949.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you the Report upon the  
Public Health of the Barnstaple Rural District for  
the year 1948.

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK MARTIN,

Medical Officer of Health.

## Public Health Staff.

### PART TIME OFFICER.

Medical Officer of Health - DR. F. J. H. MARTIN,  
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### WHOLE TIME OFFICERS.

Building Surveyor and Engineer	}	A. J. DENNIS, M.R.S.I., A.I.A.S.
Chief Sanitary Inspector		

Additional Sanitary Inspector	}	F. A. LETHBRIDGE, A.R.S.I.

Clerk	-	-	MISS P. BAWDEN.
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## Social Conditions.

The chief occupations of the District are :—

1. Agriculture.
2. Market Gardening.
3. Catering for Visitors.

The locality may be regarded as purely non-industrial,  
and employment is on the whole steady.

1948.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the Barnstaple Rural District.

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### Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in Acres	-	-	-	129,346
Population	-	-	-	22,020
Inhabited Houses	-	-	-	7,350
Rateable Value	-	-	-	£121,794
Sum represented by a Penny Rate			-	£487 14s. 9d.

### Vital Statistics.

Live Births.		Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	182	173	355
Illegitimate	-	11	10	21
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Birth Rate per 1,000 Population 17·0.

Still Births.		Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	5	2	7
Illegitimate	-	1	0	1
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Death Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births 20·8.

Deaths.		Males	Females	Total
		131	154	285

Death Rate per 1,000 Population 12·9.

## Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	0
Other Puerperal Causes	-	-	0

I now append a Table which shows the comparative figures for the Barnstaple Rural District and England and Wales

Rate per 1000 Population			Death Rate per 1000	Infant Mortality per 1000 Live Births	
	Live Births	Still Births		Deaths under 1 year	Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years
Barnstaple Rural Dist	17·0	·36	12·9	26·5	0
England and Wales	17·9	·42	10·8	34·0	3·3

## Deaths of Infants under 1 Year.

		Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	5	4	9
Illegitimate	-	0	1	1
				10
Rate per 1000 Live Births	-	-	-	26·5
Legitimate Infants per 1000 Legitimate Live Births				23·3
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Illegitimate Live Births				47·6
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-	-	-	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	-	-	-	0
Deaths from Cancer at all ages	-	-	-	43



## Causes of Death during the Year 1948

	Males	Females
Typhoid Fever - - -	0	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	0
Other Forms of Tuberculosis -	1	1
Influenza - - -	1	0
Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus	5	0
Cancer of Uterus - -	0	3
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	4	0
Cancer of Breast - -	0	2
Cancer of all other Sites -	13	16
Intracranial Vascular Lesions -	13	23
Heart Disease - -	47	52
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	16	23
Bronchitis - -	3	4
Pneumonia - -	2	3
Other Respiratory Diseases -	2	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum -	0	1
Appendicitis - -	1	1
Other Digestive Disturbances -	3	1
Nephritis - -	2	2
Premature Birth - -	3	4
Congenital Malformation and Birth Injury	1	1
Suicide - -	3	2
Road Traffic Accident -	1	0
Other violent causes -	1	4
All other causes -	8	9
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Totals	131	154

## **General Provision of Health Services in the Area.**

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### **Tuberculosis**

Hawley Sanatorium, situated in the Borough, has 28 beds.

### **Maternity Care.**

The Devon County Council is continuing to act as they did in 1947, as Agents of the Regional Hospital Board, until the Board has completed its own plans for the treatment of Maternity cases.

At the North Devon Infirmary there is a ward of 15 beds, with a fully qualified staff available for cases of doubt or difficulty.

At Bicclescombe Maternity Home, Ilfracombe, there are 20 Maternity and 4 Anti-natal beds.

There are 4 beds at Braunton Nursing Home.

### **Isolation of Infectious Diseases.**

There is an Infectious Diseases Joint Isolation Hospital at Bideford, which serves Barnstaple as well as other Local Authorities in North Devon. It comprises 32 beds (six of which are in observation cubicles) and 4 cots.

### **Smallpox**

The Smallpox Hospital to which any cases of Smallpox will be sent is the Swilley Isolation Hospital, Plymouth, and the Ambulance will be obtained from Tiverton.

## **General.**

The North Devon Infirmary, situated in Barnstaple, serves the Area, and provides modern Medical and Surgical treatment available to the residents of the district.

A Blood Bank has been established at the North Devon Infirmary.

There are 123 beds for the chronic sick at the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Barnstaple.

At Braunton Nursing Home there are 4 beds for sick persons.

## **Laboratory Facilities.**

The Laboratory is situated at 7, Dix's Field, Exeter, and Dr. Moore is the Director. It is completely installed with the necessary equipment for bacteriological examinations of all kinds. Its Diagnostic and Consultative Services are available for all patients, and it undertakes the analysis of drinking water and milk.

This Service is extremely valuable, and is widely used by the Medical Practitioners.

## **Clinics and Treatment Centres.**

### **V.D. Clinic.**

This is held at the North Devon Infirmary Annexe.

Sessions :	Females	Males
Mondays	4 p.m.	5-15 p.m.
Thursdays	4-30 p.m.	5-45 p.m.

### **Tuberculosis Clinic.**

Held at the North Devon Infirmary.

Sessions :

Tuesdays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	} Clinic and X-Ray Examinations
	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	
Thursdays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
	2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.	
Fridays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	} A. P. Refils
	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	

### **Ambulance Services.**

Under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1944, the Local Health Authority (i.e. the Devon County Council), is responsible for the provision of an Ambulance Services and the Devon Health Committee have arranged for this to be provided through the agency of the St. John Ambulance Association. The Brigade serves the Borough and district, and the headquarters are in Commercial Road. The staff consists of 3 paid members (full time), 20 men volunteers, and 14 volunteer nurses.

### **Professional Nursing in the Homes.**

There are 14 Midwives appointed by the County Council in the area, and there are also four who practice privately. The 14 County Council Midwives also officiate as District Nurses.

### **Disinfection and Infected Bedding and Clothing.**

By an arrangement with the Barnstaple Town Council all infected bedding and clothing can be disinfected in their steam disinfectors.

# Infectious Diseases — Age Periods

	Under	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	Total
Pneumonia	1					1	1	1	1					1				5	9	
Erysipelas																		3	3	
Scarlet Fever			1		1		1	1	1				1		1	1		1	8	
Measles	1	8	11	5	7	15	10	13	5	9	2	1	1			1		6	95	
Whooping Cough	6	3	11	5	8	8	6		2	2				1			1		53	
Diphtheria										1								1	2	
TOTALS	-	8	11	22	11	15	24	17	14	9	12	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	16	170



# Distribution of Infectious Diseases Cases Notified during 1947

	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Diphtheria	Total
Arlington	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Ashford	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Atherington	1	...	...	...	1	...	2
Berrynarbor	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Bishop's Tawton	6	...	...	...	3	...	9
Bittadon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bratton Fleming	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
Brauton	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Brendon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Challacombe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Combe Martin	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Countisbury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Down	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fremington	36	3	...	2	47	...	88
Georgerham	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Goodleigh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Heanton Punchardon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Bray	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Horwood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Instow	1	...	...	...	3	...	4
Kentisbury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Landkey	1	...	...	1	...	...	2
Loxhore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Martinhoe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marwood	1	2	...	...	...	...	3
Mortehoe	1	1	2	...	3	...	7
Newton Tracey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Parracombe	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
Pilton West	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shirwell	...	...	...	2	3	...	5
Stoke Rivers	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Swimbridge	3	...	...	3	2	...	10
Tawstock	3	2	1	...	24	1	29
Trentishoe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Down	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Westleigh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	53	9	3	8	95	2	170

## Prevalence of Infectious Diseases.

The following tables give particulars of the Infectious Diseases notified during the year, together with the distribution of cases and the age groups.

Name of Diseases.				No. Notified.
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	8
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	53
Pneumonia	-	-	-	9
Erysipelas	-	-	-	3
Measles	-	-	-	95
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	0
Diphtheria	-	-	-	2
				170

## Tuberculosis.

### New Cases.

During the year 22 fresh cases of Tuberculosis were notified in accordance with the regulation.

### Age Periods (New Cases).

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 to 5 years	0	0	0	0
5 to 10 years	0	0	0	1
10 to 15 years	0	0	1	0
15 to 25 years	1	2	0	0
25 to 35 years	2	4	1	1
35 to 45 years	1	1	2	1
45 to 55 years	1	1	0	0
55 to 65 years	0	1	0	0
65 and over	0	1	0	0
Age unknown	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	10	4	3

### Distribution of Cases.

Braunton	-	-	7
Bishop's Tawton	-	-	2
Berrynarbor	-	-	1
Combe Martin	-	-	2
Fremington	-	-	0
Instow	-	-	1
Mortehoe	-	-	4
West Down	-	-	0
Marwood	-	-	1
Tawstock	-	-	1
Shirwell	-	-	1
Georgeham	-	-	1
Brendon	-	-	1
			—
Total			22

I desire to thank Mr. Marshall Wright and Mr. Dennis  
for their help to me.

Your obedient Servant,

F. J. H. MARTIN.

# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR, ENGINEER, AND BUILDING SURVEYOR.

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THE RED HOUSE,  
CASTLE STREET,  
BARNSTAPLE,  
July, 1949.

To the Chairman and Members of  
The Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my third Annual Report of work carried out during 1948.

### **General.**

The area of your District is 129,346 acres, with an estimated population of 21,950.

This number is very considerably increased by the influx of summer visitors.

Many of the centres of population catering for visitors are without water or sewerage systems. A detailed account of the conditions appears later in this Report.

It is hoped that an early start will be made with the Fremington sewerage scheme, to alleviate the appalling conditions now existing there.

The sewerage scheme for Georgeham and Croyde is also long overdue, but despite continued efforts, the Ministry's approval appears to be as far off as ever.

## POLLUTION OF RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Regular inspections are made of rivers and streams in the area.

A sewerage scheme to remove pollution in the streams discharging on to Newbery Beach, Combe Martin, has been completed during the year, and is working satisfactorily.

### Public Cleansing.

This Department is now collecting refuse as follows :—

Parish.				Period.
Braunton	-	-	-	Weekly
Combe Martin	Weekly.	Twice Weekly during	Summer months	
Fremington	-	-	-	Fortnightly
Georgeham and Croyde	-	-	-	Fortnightly
Berrynarbor	-	-	-	Fortnightly
Tawstock (Sticklepath)	-	-	-	Fortnightly
Tawstock Village and Hamlets	-	-	-	Monthly
West Down	-	-	-	Monthly
Newton Tracey	-	-	-	Monthly
Horwood	-	-	-	Monthly
Landkey	-	-	-	Monthly
Ashford	-	-	-	Monthly
Swimbridge	-	-	-	Monthly
Cobbaton	-	-	Every Two Months	
Parracombe	-	-	-	Monthly
Martinhoe	-	-	-	Monthly
Blackmoor Gate	-	-	-	Monthly
Kentisbury	-	-	-	Monthly
Bratton Fleming	-	-	-	Monthly
Shirwell	-	-	Every Eight Weeks	
Heanton Punchardon	-	-	-	Fortnightly
Nethercott—Upcott—Lobb	-	-	-	Monthly
Goodleigh	-	-	-	Monthly
Brendon	-	-	-	Monthly



Parish	Period
Boode and Winsham	Monthly
Loxhore	Every Three Months
Little Silver, Whitehall, Middle Marwood, Milltown,	Once every 3 Months
Muddiford, Prixford, Guineaford, Kingsheanton,	
Bittadon, and East Down	

Refuse is also collected during the Summer months from the Saunton Hotel and the N.A.L.G.O. Holiday Comp at Croyde. These collections are in addition to the normal Parish collections, and are charged for as Trade Refuse.

Private Contractors collect the refuse in the undermentioned Parishes :—

Instow	-	-	Twice Weekly
Mortehoe	-	-	Twice Weekly
Bishop's Tawton	Fortnightly (Village),	Quarterly (Hamlets)	
Atherington	-	-	Monthly
Westleigh	-	-	Bi-Monthly

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

The total number of Inspections and Re-visits during the year was 3,578. Made up as follows :—

Visits re Infectious Diseases	-	29
Meat Regulations (including visits to Fishmongers and Service Canteens)	-	72
Number of Drains Tested and Inspected	-	192
Inspections under the Petroleum Acts	-	24
Building Licence Inspections under the Control of Civil Building Defence Regulations 56A		224
Inspections required by the Ministry of Food re Catering Establishments	-	40
Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds	-	169
Public Cleansing	-	87
Sewers	-	316
New Drains	-	103

Ice Cream Premises	-	-	64
Piggeries	-	-	5
Visits to Refuse Tips	-	-	43
Bakehouses	-	-	14
Rodent Control	-	-	219
Housing Repairs, etc.	-	-	274
Camping Sites	-	-	29
Public Health Inspections, Nuisances, etc.	-	-	118
Factories, Workshops, and Shops	-	-	22
Offensive Trades	-	-	8
Water Supplies	-	-	251
Inspection of Schools	-	-	1
Inspections, Surveys, and Interviews in connection with the Council's New Housing Programme			639
Public Conveniences	-	-	45
General	-	-	134
Number of Complaints received during the year			40
Nuisances reported to the Council	-	-	5
<b>Total Notices Served (as under) :—</b>			
Housing Acts, 1936	-	-	7

#### **Shops Act, 1934.**

Regular visits have been paid during the year, and conditions have proved to be very satisfactory.

#### **Smoke Abatement.**

No action has been necessary during the year under review.

#### **Swimming Pools and Baths.**

The one Swimming Pool in this district is situated on the sea shore in Berrynarbor Parish and is privately owned. Conditions are always satisfactory since the pool is covered by every tide.

## **Premises and Occupations Controlled by Bye-Laws.**

Bye-Laws are in operation for the control of Offensive Trades. There are two in this district, viz :

1. The Tannery at Swimbridge.
2. Gut Scraping Premises at Pilton West.

There is no need for Regulations in this Area in respect of underground sleeping rooms.

Bye-Laws are in force relating to Tents, Vans and Sheds.

## **INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**

During the year 1948 the undermentioned articles of Food were voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption :

Apples	-	-	-	12 lbs.
Evaporated Milk	-	-	-	91 tins
Peas	-	-	-	101 tins
Carrots	-	-	-	18 tins
Luncheon Meat	-	-	-	20 tins
Vegetable Soup	-	-	-	15 tins
M. and V. Ration	-	-	-	3 tins
Tomatoes	-	-	-	1 tin
Plums	-	-	-	9 tins
Jam	-	-	-	21 tins
Beetroot	-	-	-	54 tins
Salmon	-	-	-	10 tins
Pilchards	-	-	-	2 tins
Smoked Fillets	-	-	-	3 stone
Flour	-	-	-	11 lbs.
Tongue	-	-	-	6 lbs.
Gherkins	-	-	-	36 tins
Chicken	-	-	-	1
Peaches	-	-	-	3 tins
Pears	-	-	-	64 tins
Macaroni	-	-	-	15 lbs.
Sausage Meat	-	-	-	2 tins
Steak and Kidney	-	-	-	20 tins

Lamb	-	-	-	504 lbs.
Beef	-	-	-	29 lbs.
Pork	-	1 whole carcase on account of T.B.		
Cod	-	-	-	1 cwt.

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### **Details of Registered Dairies and Producers of Milk in the Rural District.**

Retail Purveyors of Milk	-	-	274
Wholesale Traders and Producers of Milk	-	-	513
Farms and other Buildings used as Dairies	-	-	786

Total Registered Premises	-	-	1573
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No. of "Accredited" Producers	-	-	23
No. of "Tuberculin" Tested Producers	-	-	39
No. of "Tuberculin" Tested Bottled Establishments	-	-	2

The sampling of designated milks is now carried out by Sampling Officers of the County Medical Department.

Results during 1948 were as follows:—

Designation	Pass	Fail	Total
T.T.	171	73	245
Accredited	78	53	131
School Bulk	6	22	28

### **Catering Establishments.**

40 premises have been inspected at the request of the Food Executive Officer as to their suitability for use as catering establishments.

### **Ice Cream.**

Regular inspections of Ice Cream premises were carried out. 5 premises have been registered. 25 samples were taken, 15 satisfactory and 10 unsatisfactory. All unsatisfactory results were followed up and the necessary action taken.

## Water.

A regular check was kept on the purity of public supplies during the year, and in this connection 41 samples were taken. 20 were satisfactory and 21 unsatisfactory. The unsatisfactory samples were, in the main, taken from public wells which will be superseded when the North Devon Water Board's schemes are in operation. In cases where gross pollution was indicated notices advising consumers to boil the water were affixed to the wells concerned. Advice was given in all cases of unsatisfactory results in an endeavour to affect an improvement.

### Farm Water Supplies.

Several Farm Water Supplies were investigated at the request of the Agricultural Executive Committee during the year.

## Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Parish	Water Supplies	Sewerage	Population	
			1931 Census	Estimated Summer
ARLINGTON.				
	No public scheme. Wells and gravitation supplies privately owned.	No public scheme. Drainage disposed of by septic tanks or soakway pits.	159	210
ASHFORD.				
	As above at present.	As above.	152	193
ATHERINGTON.				
	No public scheme. N. Devon Water Board owns one pump and well.	As above.	443	524
BERRYNARBOR.				
	The N.D. Water Board are now laying a main from Two Potts via Berrynarbor to Combe Martin. This will ensure an adequate supply to the village.	No public scheme. Several owners have co-operated to provide three combined schemes to privately owned disposal works.	561	1560



Parish	Water Supplies	Sewerage	Population	
			1931 Census	Estimated Summer
BISHOP'S TAWTON.	The village is served by 2 public supplies. (1) North Devon Water Board. (2) Parish Supply.	The village has a sewerage scheme with 2 outfalls, both being unsatisfactory.	827	993
BITTADON	No public scheme. Wells, etc. privately owned.	No public scheme. Drainage disposed of by owners.		
BRATTON FLEMING.	Served by a public supply.	Served by a public scheme.	442	659
BRAUNTON.	Public supplies in village from 2 reservoirs augmented by supply from a bore-hole.	Public scheme in village with outfall into tidal waters, which is unsatisfactory.	3019	6920
BRENDON.	No Public Supply. Wells, etc. privately owned.	No public drainage scheme.	283	641
CHALLACOMBE.	No Public Supply. Wells, etc. privately owned.	As above.		
COMBE MARTIN.	Public piped supply in village.	Public Scheme in village quite satisfactory. The outfall sewer has been recovered with concrete during the year.	1920	7500

Parish	Water Supplies	Sewerage	Population 1931 Census	Estimated Summer
COUNTISBURY.				
	Portion adjoining Lynmouth served by Lynton Water Co. satisfactory. Village supplied by wells ; supply precarious in dry times.	Portion adjoining Lynmouth has a sewerage scheme, with Sea Outfall. Satisfactory.	317	515
EAST DOWN.				
	One public well. No public supply.	No sewerage scheme. Mainly pails.	249	312
FREMINGTON.				
	Fremington and Bickington Villages supplied by North Devon Water Board Remainder by pri- vately owned wells.	Consulting Engineers have prepared a scheme, which has been submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval.	1172	2300
GEORGEHAM.				
	Piped water supply from Boode (Braun- ton), borehole pro- posed.	Sewerage scheme with an unsatisfactory outfall.	834	3100
GEORGEHAM VILLAGE.				
		CROYDE VILLAGE. No sewerage scheme. Application made to Ministry of Health for permission to proceed with scheme.		
GOODLEIGH.				
	Supply obtained in Village from three Public Wells.	No Sewerage Scheme. Mainly pails.	223	406
HEANTON PUNCHARDON.				
	Public supply satis- factory.	No Sewerage Scheme. Mainly pails.	369	401
HIGH BRAY.				
	No Public Supply.	As above.	173	225

Parish	Water Supplies	Sewerage	Population 1931 Census	Estimated Summer
HORWOOD.				
	No Public Supply	As above.	68	75
INSTOW.				
	Supplied by North Devon Water Board	Sewerage Scheme with outfall in tidal river.	646	1630
KENTISBURY.				
	No Public Supply, but a number of houses are connected to the Ilfracombe U. D. C.'s supply main, from which water is drawn and passed through filters in each house.	No Sewerage Scheme. Mainly pails.	290	363
LANDKEY.				
	No Public Supply. Recent examination of water from private wells unsatisfactory. A piped supply is necessary. It is now proposed to serve Landkey by extending Mains from Barnstaple.	Portion of Village served by Sewer, though one is required for the remainder.		
LOXHORE.				
	No Public Supply.	No Sewerage Scheme.	168	191
MARTINHOE.				
	As above.	As above.	175	333
MARWOOD.				
	Public supply now serving Muddiford and Milltown. Remainder of parish served by private wells.	As above. Mainly pail closets.	612	691

Parish	Water Supplies	Sewerage	Population 1931 Census	Estimated Summer
MORTEHOE.				
	Villages of Morte- hoe and Woola- combe are served by Ilfracombe Council.	Mortehoe is served by three outfalls to the sea. New holding tanks, sea outfall, and extensions at Woola- combe are now in hand.	1164	4700
NEWTON TRACEY.				
	No Public Supply.	No Sewerage Scheme. Mainly pail closets.	110	126
PARRACOMBE.				
	Portion of village served by privately owned piped supply.	Sewerage Scheme re- quired.	329	491
SHIRWELL				
	One public well, others privately owned. Public Supply necessary.	No Sewerage Scheme. Mainly pail closets.	294	361
STOKE RIVERS.				
	One public well. Others privately owned.	As above.	154	169
SWIMBRIDGE.				
	Public Supply to 5 stand pipes. It is now proposed to supply Swimbridge by extending Barn- staple Mains.	There is a sewerage scheme for the village.	961	1220
TAWSTOCK.				
	Portion adjoining Barnstaple Borough served by N. Devon Water Board. There is also supply to vill- ages by stand pipes.	Hele Manor portion is connected to the Barnstaple Borough's System. Pail closets in village.	819	1310

Parish	Water Supplies	Sewerage	Population 1931 Census	Estimated Summer
TRENTISHOE.				
	No Public Supply. Private wells only.	Pail closets.	60	150
WEST DOWN.				
	Public supply from Ilfracombe Water Co.'s Mains.	There is a sewerage scheme for this village. Outfall, however, is very unsatisfactory.	473	858
WESTLEIGH.				
	Public and private wells. Not satisfac- tory. Public supply necessary.	There is a sewerage scheme with outfall in tidal river.	403	479
WEST PILTON.				
	No public supply at present.	No sewerage scheme. Mainly pail closets.	160	200





# BUILDING SURVEYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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THE RED HOUSE,  
CASTLE STREET,  
BARNSTAPLE.

## **Staff.**

Assistant Licensing Officer	-	-	Mr. W. Pope.
Assistant Architect	-	-	Mr. C. D. Squires.

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
BARNSTAPLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present the following Report illustrating the activity of the Building Surveyor's Department during the year 1948.

## **Building Licences, 1948.**

### **Housing Repairs**

No. of Licences granted	-	-	312
Total cost	-	-	£20,960

### **Re-instatement.**

No. of Licences granted	-	-	20
Total cost	-	-	£5,952

### **Conversions and Adaptations.**

No. of Licences granted	-	-	37
No. of family units provided	-	-	43
Total cost	-	-	£14,676

### **New Dwellings.**

No. of Licences granted	-	-	12
Total cost	-	-	£16,188

## Post-War Housing Programme.

Steady progress has been maintained with your Post-War Housing Programme, and the position at the end of the year was as follows :—

Parish	Houses completed up to Dec. 31st, 1948	Houses under construction (authorised) at Dec. 31st, 1948, but not completed,
Berrynarbor -	4	—
Bishop's Tawton	—	12
Bratton Fleming	4	—
Braunton -	28	12
Combe Martin -	4	16
Fremington -	24	8
Heanton -	8	8
Instow -	6	—
Landkey -	4	—
Marwood -	4	—
Mortehoe -	18	—
Martinhoe -	—	4
Parracombe -	—	4
West Down -	8	—
	Total 112*	Total 64

\*These figures do not include the cottages at Blackmoor Gate or the Wartime Agricultural Cottages at Shirwell.

### Plans.

No. of Plans submitted	-	-	469
No approved	-	-	418
No disapproved	-	-	51

I wish to record my thanks to each member of the Council, the Clerk, and to all members of the Department for their support and consideration during the past year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR J. DENNIS.





